

Dr. Burgess Weekly Address November 24, 2017

Giving Thanks

Hello, this is your Congressman Michael Burgess.

This week as we celebrate Thanksgiving, many of us have taken time to pause and reflect on our many blessings. There is no question we have much for which to be thankful.

The Thanksgiving holiday is about much more than turkey and pumpkin pie. At this time of the year, we think of those whose military service has taken them far away from their own families. Please join me in giving thanks for our Armed Forces and their service to preserve the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

Along with many North Texans, yesterday I gathered with my family to express gratitude for our many blessings. I give thanks for my family, for our great state of Texas, for the opportunity to live in the United States of America, and the freedoms we all enjoy.

I also give thanks for the constituents of the 26th District, and for the opportunity and responsibility you've given me to represent you in Congress. As we reflect on the past year, I am thankful that Congress has produced commonsense legislation to help hardworking Americans here in North Texas and around the country.

A few examples: Congress has passed important bills to reform the VA and hold its leaders accountable, ensuring the best possible care for our nation's veterans. That bill not only was passed by Congress, but also has been signed into law by the president. The House also has voted to extend vital public health programs,

like the state Children's Health Insurance Program, to help vulnerable populations succeed.

This fall, Congress has been focused on finding solutions to stem the opioid crisis wreaking havoc on families throughout our country. And just last week, we voted to give hardworking Americans relief from our burdensome tax code. While our work is far from finished, I am grateful for my fellow Members, and for all Americans who have put their confidence in us to help build a better future for our nation.

As always, I appreciate your comments and your concerns on this issue or any other issue. May God bless you and your family, may God bless our country, may God bless our troops, and as the song says, God bless you Texas.